

By the Queene.

¶ A Proclamation for restraint of transportation of grayne beyonde the seas.



THE Queenes Maiestie vnderstandyng of the todayne increase of the pryces of grayne, for the more part vniuersally in the Realme, as it is to be coniectured partlye by the vnseasonableness of the late haruest tyme, and partlye by reason of excessive transportation of grayne out of the Realme, into the parties beyonde the seas, whereby yf stay be not speedily made for anye further transportation, there may followe a great dearth, whiche shall hardly be borne of a great number of her good louing subiects: doth therfore straightly charge and commaunde all maner her subiectes, and other inhabitauntes within this Realme, to forbear from the day of the publication hereof, from the shyping or lading into any vessel, any manner of grayne, to the intent the same shoulde be directly or indirectly caryed and transported into any partes beyonde the seas, vppon payne of imprisonment, and other further punishments, due by the lawes of the Realme. And yf any officers, in anye porte townes, as Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, or such lyke, shall eyther themselves offend herein, or shall not doe theyr endeuour to stay any such transportation, or yf they cannot conveniently stay the same, shall not make due and speedye information thereof to her Maiestie, her priue counsell, or to the principal officers of her Exchequer, then they, besides the former punishmentes, to forfeite theyr offices. And considering it cannot be well auoyded, but that some quantitie of grayne is to be caryed from one porte to another porte, to serue the necessitie of some other part of the Realme: in such case, the officers of the portes shall diligently see, that good sureties with bondes be taken of persons being of valure answerable for the same, to bring due certificates from the portes where the same shall arriue and be vnladen: And that for more assurance thereof, the officers of the portes, shall thereof make theyr certificates into the Exchequer within two monethes after the actuall thereof, vpon payne of forfeiture of their offices.

And for that it is thought, that it shall appeare by the ende of October next, what effect shall follow hereof, to the diminution of the excessive pryces, her Maiestie meaneth that this maner of restraint shall not continue by force of this Proclamation, but to the ende of the sayd moneth of October nowe following.

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God saue the Queene.

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